(c) The details of the funds spent on the projects (State-wise under Ganga Action Plan till 31-3-2003 are as under :—

(Rs. in crore)

States	Gang Action Plan Phase I	Ganga Action Plan Phase-II
Uttar Pradesh	190.12	70.91
Uttaranchal		4.47
Bihar	53.56	2.99
West Bengal	185.60	32.73
TOTAL	429.28	111.1

The benefits resulting from the implementation of the Action Plan are that a sewage treatment capacity of 865 million litres per day has been created in the above four States which would prevent discharge of as much quantity of untreated sewage into the Ganga, thereby minimizing the river pollution to that extent.

(d) The Ganga Action Plan Phase-11 which includes pollution abatement works in Allahabad and Varanasi also is under implementation for tackling the remaining pollution.

Anti-Poaching Mechanism for Tigers

3757. SHR1 ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to hold a meeting with leading environmental NGOs to devise measures to tighten the anti-poaching mechanism for tigers;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) whether the various anti-poaching measures to save tigers in the country have been proved to be ineffective in the past few years; and

(d) if so. the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIDILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) As indicated in the National Wildlife Action Plan (2002—2016) synergy with Non-Governmental

Organisations form an integral part of conservation initiatives of the Union Government to ensure peoples' support and participation, with their representation in various committees including the Steering Committee of Project Tiger.

(c) and (d) No. Sir. Question does not arise.

Progress in Cleaning the Rivers

†3758. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution level had reached a very high level in major rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the work had been started to reduce pollution level in several rivers; and

(d) if so. the names of the rivers where such a work had been started and the progress made in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIDILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (d) The Central Pollution Control Board during their survey identified 34 polluted stretches of 22 major rivers, where the existing water quality was violating the desired water quality standards. A National River Conservation Plan has been under implementation for pollution abatement of 30 stretches of polluted rivers in 156 towns in 17 States. River-wise details of cost of works approved, sanctioned and expenditure are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

River-wise Approved Cost in Rivers Under National River Conservation Plan

(Rs. in crore)

No.	RiversApproved	Sanctioned Cost	Expenditure Cost	
1	2	*3*		
1	Adyar		255.39	81.94
2	Cooum			
3	Betwa	8.64	6.23	4.50
4	Bhdra	4.59	1.86	1.19
5	Braramini	58.13	48.29	0.53

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.